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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an information<sup>1</sup> charging Gabrielle Ward with one count of theft of government money. The information alleges that Ward participated in a scheme to defraud the Social Security Administration of approximately \$71,393 and the Railroad Retirement Board of approximately \$6,388.86, over a period of nearly 10 years after the death of her grandmother, who had received benefits from these federal agencies during her lifetime.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
GABRIELLE WARD	Philadelphia, PA	42

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General and the Railroad Retirement Board Office of the Inspector General and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Theresa A. Casey.

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<sup>1</sup> An information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.